

THE WISE COUNTY MESSENGER



There were three Saint Valentines in early Christianity, each a martyr, and the death of each associated somehow with February 14.

Why their names came to have a connotation for lovers is unknown. Europeans of the Middle Ages believed that birds mated on February 14; thus, historians say, the exchange of greetings between sweethearts which survives to this day.

These days when so many youngsters lie prone on their tummies before a TV screen show of comics or cowboys, there comes a flash-back picture of the young Abe Lincoln lying prone on the floor before a fire place, reading—for want of candle or lamp—history and the Bible, by its flickering light.

Saint Valentine

According to Noah Webster, the fourteenth of February is a day sacred to St. Valentine.

There is a tradition, many centuries old that February fourteenth was the date of the Martyrdom of good "Saint Valentine," and Geoffrey Chaucer (about 1390) immortalized this story in the "The Birds' Romance."

Now welcome, summer, with thy sunshine soft,
This wintry weather thou wilt overtake.

And drive away the night so long and black!
Saint Valentine, thou who art crowned aloft.

The little birds are singing for sake.

They have good reason to be glad, and oft.

Since each has found his mate in bush and brake,

O blissfully they sing when they awake.

The greatest stories of all literature from Virgil, Shakespeare or Dorothy Dix have been woven around the love theme, and there are as many facets to these tales as there are heroes and heroines to tell the story.

From many years of observation, we have found that the successful story is a duet, both doing their best, as Sandberg says, Poetry is the synthesis of hyacinths and biscuits.



Abraham Lincoln Said:

Property is the fruit of labor; property is desirable, it is a positive good in the world.

That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise.

Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him work diligently and build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built.—From a speech on March 21, 1864

Lincoln as Poet

We are all familiar with the wonderful things that Abraham Lincoln said and wrote . . . his Gettysburg Address, for instance, in addition to its noble sentiments, is a classic of concise prose composition.

He wrote one little poem—just one, so far as his many biographers have been able to discover—and here it is:

"The woman was not taken
From Adam's head we know,
To show she must not rule him
—'Tis evidently so,

"The woman she was taken
From under Adam's arm:
So she must be protected
From injuries and harm."

● Glad to see W. V. Patton out again. He came to town See EIGHTER page 4 col. 3

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DECATUR, TEXAS—Thursday, February 11, 1954 ☆

Oldest Business Institution In Wise County

SAFETY POSTER CONTEST AT DECATUR SCHOOLS CLOSSES FEBRUARY 22nd

All Decatur children from 1st through 12th grades are urged to enter the Safety poster contest beginning Feb. 3rd. The teachers have consented to help the children during school hours so that every child will have the opportunity of making at least one poster on the subject of safer walking or safer driving.

Contest closes on Feb. 22nd. Posters will be judged on originality and age of child. Four money prizes will be awarded on the square, Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 2:30 during our Decatur Safety parade and program on the square which will be televised over WCAP-TV, Texas Now.

The PTA would like to thank the teachers and all our school personnel for their cooperation not only with this contest but for all the time they will be spending to promote our safety campaign in the schools.

Mr. W. O. Dittich is helping with the contest and will judge the posters.

DECATUR GIRLS TEAM LEADS IN DISTRICT PLAY

On Feb. 4, Decatur high school girls defeated Nocona girls 76-32 for their third district victory against no defeats. Decatur now leads in district play as Jacksboro and Bowie split games and Decatur defeated Jacksboro. Nocona is still looking for their first district win.

Decatur girls can clinch a tie for district championship Thursday night by defeating Bowie girls on the local floor. Game time is 7:30 for the A game with the B game to follow. Tuesday night Feb. 16 the local girls will play an A and B game with Northwest at Decatur.

BANKERS HONOR DENTON-WISE SOIL CONSERVATIONISTS PAY CONVENTION EXPENSE

EAGLES LOST A THRILLER TO JACKSBORO

Alert defense, and determined offense paid off for the Jacksboro Tigers as they overtook an defeated the Decatur Eagles, 62-61 in a District 2A-11 thriller in the high school gym here Friday night.

Trailing 47-52 entering the final period, the Tigers stormed from behind to tally 15 points while holding Decatur to nine. The victory gave Jacksboro a 3-3 district slate and dropped Decatur to a 2-3 mark.

Decatur guard, Danny Starnes, copped high point honor for the contest with 24 points.

The tussle was close throughout with the Eagles taking a 17-15 advantage at the end of the opening period. In tight play during the second quarter both five managed 18 points with the home-standing Decatur lads maintaining their two point advantage at the half, 35-33.

In a preliminary contest Decatur boys named Jacksboro 34-22 in a game marked by numerous fouls.

PARK SPRINGS POST OFFICE TO CLOSE

The post office department has announced the Park Springs post office will be closed February 28, and mail after that date will be routed through the Sunset office.

The Messenger Invites—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan to be our guests to see "OFF LIMITS" At the Plaza Theatre Sunday or Monday

H. B. PEARSON Insurance—Life Real Estate—Town—Country Office Phone, 2624—Res., 2381

KP's SPONSOR COURTESY CODE FOR DRIVING

The Knights of Pythias Lodge is sponsoring a Highway Courtesy Code throughout the nation, and Decatur Lodge No. 33 is giving the cause a boost here.

Below is a Knights of Pythias Highway Courtesy Code duplicate:

Before Driving an automobile, first become courtesy-minded. Safety for yourself and others is first a state of mind.

While Driving your automobile:

1. Think of others walking and driving on the highway.

2. Share your part of the road whenever necessary to avoid an accident. Remember, you can be right, but dead.

3. When following an automobile, be courteous to the driver in front of you; no bright lights; no unnecessary horn blowing; don't impede both cars by getting too close.

4. When an automobile is following you, appreciate the perils ahead of you that the driver behind you may not see and do him the courtesy of signalling to him in apt time.

5. Do not drive so fast that you can not stop in the safe, clear distance ahead. Remember: SPEED is the greatest killer.

6. Remember: a courteous driver is always a safe driver.

Courtesy is Contagious. Cooperate with the Knights of Pythias Highway Courtesy Campaign.

The local lodge has decals for your car which they hope drivers will use along with the code itemized above.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kenney and daughters Patricia and Martha Kay of Dallas and Mrs. Agnes Vann of Fort Worth, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Kenney over the week end.

Denton, Texas. The five supervisors of the Denton-Wise Soil Conservation District will attend the annual convention of the national association in New Orleans, La., Feb. 22-25, thanks to the six banks in Denton and Wise Counties.

Each of the five supervisors was presented with a \$100 check at a dinner here Tuesday night. The supervisors are John D. Faught, Justin, Denton County chairman, Tony Stratton, Pilot Point, Denton County, James Dezan, Lewisville, Denton County, Troy Miller, Sanzer, Denton County, and Jewel Mara, Decatur, Wise County.

Banks participating in the program are the First State Bank and Denton County National Bank, both of Denton; the First National Bank of Sanzer; the First State Bank of Lewisville, the Pilot Point National Bank and the First National Bank of Decatur.

In accepting the donations, Faught praised the bankers for their interest in the soil conservation program.

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GIVING PETS TO DRIVE NETS \$6.50 FOR FUND



BETTY DICKINSON



GARY DICKINSON

The March of Dimes in Decatur is \$6.50 richer as a result of the interest of these two youngsters in the drive.

Gary Dickinson, 14th grader and Betty Dickinson, 1st grader in the Chico schools, sold their two pet Collie dogs at the auction here for \$6.50 the check being made out to the March of Dimes and brought to The Messenger office.

They are children of the T. L. Dickinsons of Chico, route one.

Raymond Mannschreck auctioned off the dogs at the regular Wednesday auction sale here.

WORKOUTS ON TRACK EVENTS IS STARTED

The Decatur High track team has begun serious preparations for one of the meet trips.

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WELL BEING TESTED IN SOUTHWEST WISE COUNTY

Christie, Mitchell and Mitchell, Houston and Decatur, was in the process of completing the No. 1 M. B. Burns, two miles southeast of Cottdale, after drilling below 6000 feet and plunging back to an unreported depth.

The wildcat potential gasser is 660 feet from west and 583 feet from north lines of M. B. Burns survey, section 36, T4P survey A-441. Operation is on a 79½ acre-lease.

Meanwhile, it was reported that the Johnny Mitchell-O. P. Leonard No. 2 George Basey, 1½ miles southwest of Decatur, failed to respond to a second sandrac treatment of 50 units. The potential gasser was first given a 100-unit treatment. Treatments were given in the 160-foot level.

Some operators' No. 3 Basey on the Bridgeport-Decatur highway was drilling ahead at an unknown depth Saturday. The No. 1 Basey, the discovery gasser on the 1800-acre ranch, came in with a potential of more than 5,000,000 cubic feet of gas late in the summer of 1952 and is still capped awaiting transportation facilities.

Elsewhere in the county, Jack Grace abandoned the No. 3 W. C. Hodge, four miles west of Alvord. Operation was drilled at 5679. The discovery of the Hodge Conglomerate Field now has two producers in the area.

Leaving heightened in the Boyd area, 12 miles south of Decatur, during the week after it was reported that a deal had been completed to re-enter a test drilled by Westbrook Oil Company, Fort Worth, last summer and plugged. The exploration is almost within the city limits of Boyd.

VETERANS AT DBC INCREASE ENROLLMENT

During the past term, the Veterans of Foreign Wars have enrolled for courses in Decatur Baptist College. During the present term there are eighteen enrolled. Throughout the years there have been many of these veterans coming into Decatur and the College to complete their education.

In a recent release the Office of Education has reported total enrollment in colleges and universities this fall is 2,259,701. Of this number 138,131 were under PL-449, 142,133 under PL-550, and 8,497 under PL-16 and 884 (for disabled.)

Veterans eligible for educational benefits under PL-550 and who were discharged prior to August 20, 1952 must begin their education this spring or during the summer in order to enroll under the Act. The law provides a period of two years from the date of its enactment (August 20, 1950) during which the veteran must begin his education and training. Veterans discharged after August 20, 1952 and men now in the armed forces have two years from the date of their discharge in which to begin their education.

Decatur Baptist College offers three avenues of work for the returned veteran: 1. for the veteran who has not finished his high school training and who is over 21 years of age; 2. for the veteran who has finished his high school education and wishes to enroll in regular college work for college credit; and 3. Evening college where he may take either regular college work or vocational and technical work.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hull and daughter Melissa, spent a few days here this week, with the C. L. Hulls and Mrs. F. A. Davenport before moving to Dallas where Charles has accepted a position with Skillern Drug Co.

EAGLE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE, 1954

Sept. 10 . . . Bridgeport (here)
Sept. 17 . . . Handley (here)
Sept. 17 . . . Brewer (there)
Oct. 1 . . . Diamond Hill (there)
Oct. 8 . . . Birdville (there)
Oct. 15 . . . Northwest (there)
Oct. 22 . . . Bowie (there)
Oct. 29 . . . Nocona (there)
Nov. 5 . . . Jacksboro (there)
Nov. 12 . . . OPEN
Nov. 19 . . . Olney (there)

The above Eagle schedule for 1954 has just been released. This schedule presents a challenge to a young group of promising footballers. Nine starters from last fall's team will be missing, but the competition at the various positions is expected to be at a new high, thus creating one of the most spirited young teams in years.

LIONS HEAR CHILDREN FROM COLORED SCHOOL

One person in last week's roundup was a group of children from the Decatur Negro school, was one of the most unusual and also one of the most enjoyable we have had in many a day. These little youngsters have just naturally got that rhythm and generally with the voices to match Mrs. Mahon, the very capable teacher who was in charge of the group is doing an exceptionally fine job with her group of students. In spite of the very limited facilities she has to work with, the kids seem to enjoy bringing the program and we certainly enjoyed having them. It's a good bet that they will be even better next year, so let's not forget to have them back. Thanks to the Program Committee, Lions Smith and Tapp, for a job well done. From The Din.

STANLEY C. PARKER GRADUATES FROM PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL

PENSACOLA, FLA. (PTING)—Recently graduated from the U.S. Naval School, Pre-Flight, is Naval Aviation Cadet Stanley C. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Parker of Route 2, Paradise, Texas. Cadet Parker attended Arlington State College, before entering the Naval Aviation Cadet Program through the Naval Air Station at Dallas.

He is now assigned to the U.S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Whiting Field, Hilton, Fla., where he is engaged in primary flight training.

Mayor Syl H. Hardwick informed us Tuesday he hasn't decided definitely whether he will ask reelection, and also stated that the members of the council whose terms expire will ask for reelection.

So far that is the city's political picture, as far outside the present council members has signified intentions of running for any city office. No intentions have been filed at the city hall.

Mrs. Annie Spencer, who has been quite ill in the Rogers hospital has been removed to the home of her sister Mrs. Buck Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. George Riger and daughters Jan and Nancy of Dallas visited Mrs. Ben Wilkins and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Riger over the week end.

YOUTH PROJECT SHOW IS SET FOR MARCH 26th CHAIRMEN APPOINTED

The Decatur Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Second Annual Wise County Youth Project Show, scheduled for Friday, March 26th. This Show is open to all Wise County 4-H Club boys and girls, all FFA boys and all FFA girls in Wise County, Northwest School and Springtown School. The Show will be held on the Decatur Baptist College campus.

Monday night, February 1 Wise County Agent, Home Demonstration Agent, FFA teachers and FFA teachers met with the Decatur Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee

MRS. SELLARS RED CROSS CHAIRMAN

Wise County Red Cross Chairman Marvin Stone announces the appointment of Mrs. R. T. Sellars of Decatur as County Fund drive chairman for 1954. The drive will start, as usual, March 1st and chairmen are now being secured in each town and community in the county.

NO INSPECTION NEEDED TO SECURE 54 TAGS

Automobile owners are not required by law to have their cars inspected before being able to purchase license plates.

Under former provisions such inspections were mandatory before a license plate could be obtained. However, this year, inspections are not necessary to purchase the plates, we are informed.

State automobile inspection laws require the car owner to have his car inspected and it must pass state specifications.

SUMMER COMES AS MERCURY MOUNTS TO 80's

The weather changed for the cooler as a north wind came in Saturday to give us a little ice Sunday and Monday mornings. Readings were about 30-52 degrees. The days warmed up with a bright sun, but the nights have been cold.

No more rain the past week. Monday and Tuesday the mercury mounted into the 80s as the sun came out bright and clear, to bring spring and shirt sleeve weather. Wednesday afternoon, a west Texas rain came, so much dust seems a local rain in years. The mercury dropped some, but the cold weather and a possible freeze is not expected until the week end, with cooler each day until then.

Decatur Boy Scouts and leaders will observe Boy Scout Week Friday night Feb. 12, at which time awards for advancement in Scouting will be made those who have earned them.

A final board of review and examination will be held tonight for those who wish to pass tests, and to check advancement records.

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JIMMY LEATH WINS SECOND AT STOCK SHOW WITH HEIFER

Jimmy Don Leath, a member of the Decatur FFA Chapter, took second place at the Fort Worth Stock Show with his Holstein heifer calf in the Junior Dairy Division, Thursday, Feb. 4. The same calf was placed third in the open division.

Jimmy Don bought the calf that placed over his calf in the Junior Show. He is 67½, the owner of the first and second place calves in the Senior Class of Holstein Heifers.

C. M. QUISENBERRY ASKS REELECTION AS JUSTICE OF PEACE

The Messenger is authorized this week to announce the candidacy of C. M. Quisenberry for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, subject to the Democratic primaries.

Mr. Quisenberry will have a statement, later.

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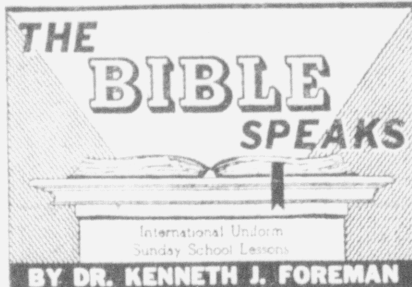
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Claim of Christ

Lesson for February 14, 1954

CAN man see God "focused"? If we are to see God at all that is the way we must see him. To quote from a wonderful little book, "Your God is Too Small" (by J. G. Phillips; the Macmillan Co., 60 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.): "There must be more than elusive sparks and flashes of the divine—there must be a flame burning steadily so that its light can be examined. It is a fascinating problem for us human beings to consider how the Eternal Being—wishing to show men his own Character focused, his own Thought expressed, and his own Purpose demonstrated—could introduce himself into the stream of human history without disturbing or disrupting it. . . . The thing must be done properly—it must not be merely an act put on for man's benefit. If it is to be done at all God must be man."



Dr. Foreman

The Character of God

Now the central Christian belief is that God has done exactly that; he has been and is "focused," brought to the point where he can be clearly seen and known, in a man, in the Man Christ Jesus. One fair question would occur to most people just here. Is the belief that Jesus Christ is divine just a belief of other people about him, or did Jesus himself ever make any such claim? The answer is that Jesus did make such a tremendous claim for himself. Now he never went about saying "I am God." He never said that so much as once. But what he did say was so clear, and what it implied about his deity was so plain, that his enemies, who did not believe him, naturally called it blasphemy. The 7th and 8th chapters of John are made up of a sort of running debate or argument between Jesus and his hostile critics. Three points at least stand out. One is that Jesus claimed to be in complete harmony with God.—In Dr. Phillips' words, he focused God's character. "I always do what is pleasing to him," he said.

The Thought of God

Again, Jesus over and over emphasized that his teachings were not his own, but that he spoke what the Father gave him to speak. His own description of himself (John 8:40) is "a man who has told you the truth which I heard from God." "I do nothing on my own authority," he said, "but speak as the Father taught me." "I declare to the world what I have heard from him." "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me" (7:16). Now it is not possible for any man to penetrate or understand all the thoughts of God. No human mind is capable of understanding them all. What we need, and all we need, is what God thinks about us. We want to know what he wants us to do. We want to know how he thinks we should live. (The only persons who don't want to know that are atheists; once you believe in God at all, you can understand how important it is to know what God thinks.) It is this that Jesus meant when he said his teachings were from God. But this involves a tremendously high claim on Jesus' part. He claimed that his thoughts were identical with God's thoughts, that his wisdom was God's wisdom. If he had said outright, "I am God," could he have claimed any higher authority?

The Purpose of God

Jesus not only claimed to focus the character and the thought of God, but to focus his purpose. This also was better understood later on than in Jesus' own lifetime, for the Cross and the Resurrection were a part of God's purpose. What is the great all-inclusive Purpose of God for us human beings? Why did Christ come to live and work and teach and die and rise again? Was it simply to "show off" God? Not at all. It was (as one of the great Creeds says) "for us men and for our salvation." Note what Jesus himself said would come to pass when men followed him, or to use his own startling figure of speech, "ate" him like bread, "drank" him like water. "He who believes in me, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water." "He who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." "The truth will make you free." "If any one keeps my word, he will never see death." That the life of God should flow into and illumine all the life of man; this is the Purpose of God for us.

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Services Held Sunday, January 24 For Ocie T. Bryant

Decatur, Texas
July 20, 1952

Ocie T. Bryant, was born Sept. 14, 1874 in Coosa County, Alabama.

At the age of 17, I joined the Shilo-Missionary Baptist church of Coosa County.

In August of 1892 I came to Gorman in Eastland County to make my home.

In 1900 I entered the State Teachers College at Huntsville and graduated in 1904. I followed the teachers profession for 23 years teaching only in Texas.

I came to Wise County May 15th, 1918 and have lived at Decatur ever since.

I have reached adulthood without being called upon to endure great suffering. I regard this as special recipient of God's providence rather than boasting of self-righteousness.

I was married to Laura Snodgrass July 26, 1903, at De-demona, Texas. She died Sept. 7, 1933 at the age of 65 years 7 months at Decatur, Texas, married 30 years. I married again Aug. 19, 1934 to Mrs. Jennie Lisby. She died August 11, 1951, married 17 years. No children were born to either of these marriages.

(The above was written by Mr. Bryant on the above date.)

Survived by 2 brothers, W. H. Bryant of Dallas and C. B. Bryant of San Antonio. Also 4 nephews and 2 nieces.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Decatur Sunday, January 24th at two o'clock conducted by Dr. Otis Strickland, president of Decatur Baptist College and Dr. R. E. Bell former pastor of Mr. Bryant.

Acting pall bearers were Ben Moore, Edwin Reed, Ira Burton, Ray Casey, J. C. Dunaway and Dr. W. M. Lewis.

Honorary pall bearers were the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church: E. L. Schooling, chairman; F. C. Gibbs, secretary; W. H. Finley, H. B. Pearson, Curren New, One Walker, Joe Lee Fox, John Roney, C. M. Kersey and Mr. Hooker.

Interment was in Bethel Cemetery west of Decatur.

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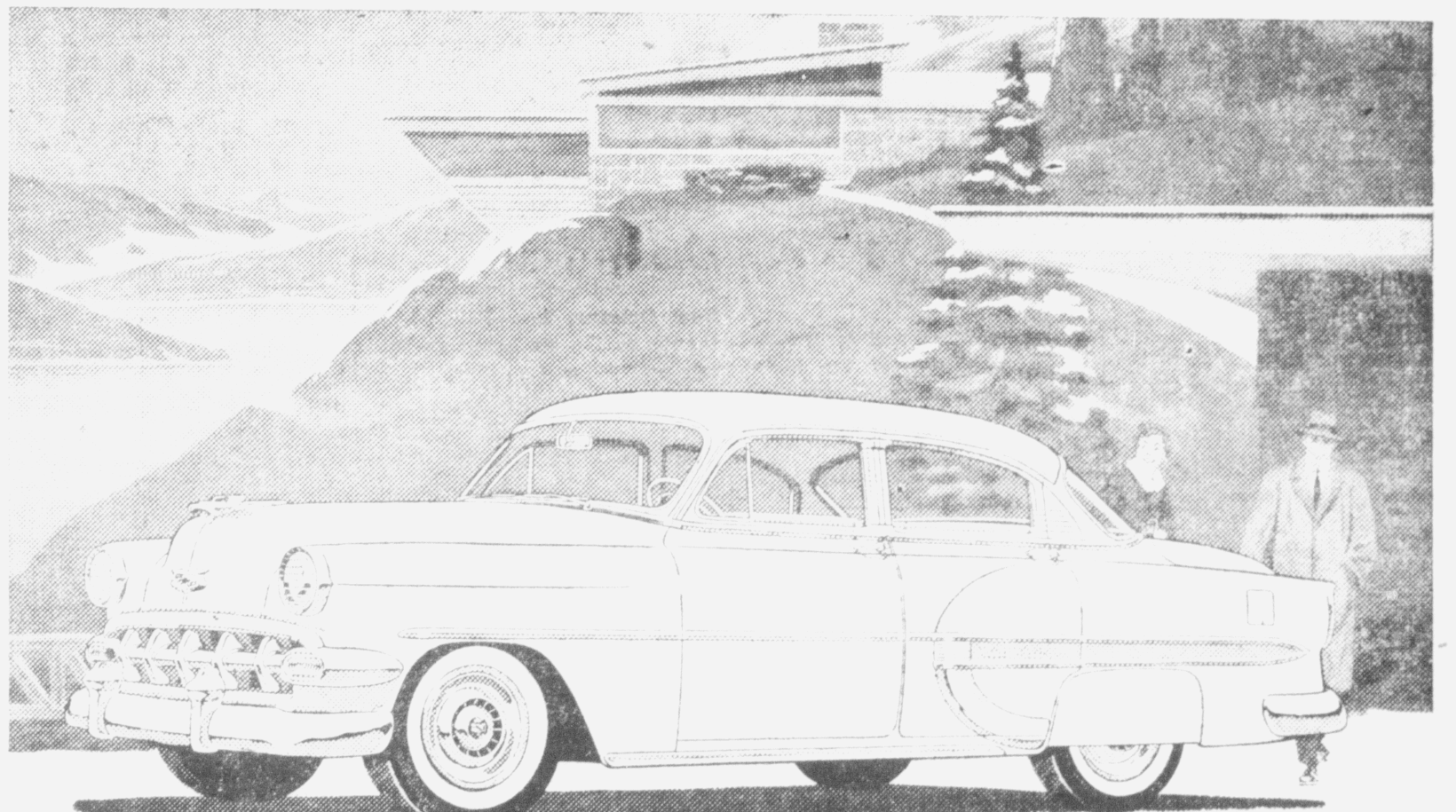
SURROUNDED!—Tommy At-ground, No. 13 is Decatur's well, Wichita Falls Coyote center Jerry Starnes, and the Eagle, fires a jump shot at the who appears to be throwing a basket in Saturday morning's block at Starnes is Jarvis Gantt. Atwell and Starnes each scored 17 points in the game. just hitting the floor, is an unidentified teammate, with Clifford Morris (24) in the back-

DECATUR CHAPTER 289
R. A. M.



Stated meetings on the third Thursday evening of each month at 8 o'clock. Visitors and sojourners welcome.

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DECATUR, TEXAS

Roy O'Neal and wife spent the week end in Decatur with relatives.

50 Years Ago

Feb. 1904

A gentleman and his wife, riding a tandem bicycle passed through town Friday. They were on their way from Chicago to Los Angeles, Cal., on a \$1,000 wager. They were ahead of time and confident of winning. We failed to get their name.

Carl Faith announces this week for re-election of District clerk. Mr. Faith has made one of the best district clerks that Wise county has had for years. He is always in his office, ready for business, and Judge Patterson has paid him several high compliments on his efficiency and attentiveness to the duties of his office.

Miss Della Jarrell has accepted her old position as milliner for Cheeves Bros. in Corsicana and left Sunday for Chicago to select her stock of goods.

Last week E. H. Baumgarten bought the waterworks from A. R. Whitehead, and this week sold it to Moore and Perkins.

After the rain last week, A. J. Mann took his pack of hounds out a few miles east of town and after a short chase they captured a big grey wolf.

Dave Flood of Durant, I. T., was in Alford last week buying mules. He informed us that he bought thirty of the long-eared fellows and paid a fancy price.

As long as the world pays homage to men who sell their influence for thousands there

MY PLEDGE

DRIVE SAFELY

I personally pledge myself to drive and walk safely and think in terms of safety.

I give this promise in seriousness and earnestness, having considered fully my obligation to protect my life and the lives of my family and my fellow men.

I pledge myself further to advance the cause of safety by talking to my family and friends and by taking part in safety activities of my club, school, employe group and other organizations.

Name

Street Address or Rural Route No.

City Zone State

— Fill out and mail to: —

BOX 390

DECATUR, TEXAS

SENIORS INVITED TO VISIT S.M.U.

DALLAS, Feb. 8.—All graduating high school seniors, high school administrators, faculty sponsors and guidance directors of Decatur have been invited to attend Southern Methodist University's third annual Career Day Feb. 26.

About 1,600 senior students from 450 high schools within a radius of 125 miles of Dallas are expected to attend.

Back Collins, who has been ill for several months is in the hospital at Temple.

Attend Convention

Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Higgins left Friday, Feb. 5 for Chicago, Ill., to attend the Chicago Mid-Winter Dental Clinic. At this meeting there will be shown all the latest methods and developments in dentistry. As usual this meeting attracts dentists from all over the world.

Miss Frances Collins is visiting her sister Mrs. T. E. Pond in Big Sandy.



DOES YOUR HOME NEED REPAIR?

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Once Upon a Time

Interesting Items from the files of THE MESSENGER 25 and 50 Years Ago...



25 Years Ago

Feb. 1929

BLEWETT

Freda and Fayee Reever, of Decatur were week end guests

of Jena Faye and Verna Toland. Mr. McCurdy was in Fort Worth Monday to see his father, who has been ill with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Glossup and son Derwood were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Toland Sunday. Mrs. C. H. Nolan of Elberta visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Starnes.

Miss Etta and Zina Fox of Decatur visited Mrs. Jeff Fox Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Boydston visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boydston Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Teague and daughter Marie spent Sunday in Decatur with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Starnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tapp of Denton are visiting Mrs. Tapp's sister Mrs. Walter Teague.

Mrs. Cordie Teague of Montague has moved to the Thomas place in this community.

The Rasberry family is reported improving following an attack of the flu.

Beatrice and Allen McCurdy attended the box supper given at Deatur High Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Kalter Teague and Mrs. Bertha Tapps went to At-lus Okla. last week to attend the funeral of a niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Neal and sister were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George John Sunday.

Ruby Starnes is visiting her sister, Mrs. Luther Roe of Wich-

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NEWS FROM SYCAMORE
We are having some beautiful weather the past few days. Should make us all feel better.
Mrs. M. L. Holt Jr., of Aransas, New Mexico, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Holt Sr. during Mr. Holt's illness. Glad to report he is home from the hospital.
Mrs. J. L. Bradford Jr. and daughter Eva Lois of Sherman, Texas, visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Reeves last week.
Mrs. Callie Malcolm is still nursing her broken shoulder. She is with her daughter Mrs. O. L. Reeves.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Winder have moved into the Greenwood and Slidell Community. Mrs. Earl Standefor spent last week with her mother who is ill. Mrs. W. D. Pinkerton in Decatur.
Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Fletcher and son Timmy of Slidell and

Raymond D. Chandler of Dallas visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Standefor Sunday.
Odie Stephens is in the Decatur Clinic improving some the last report we had.
CARD OF THANKS
We want to thank our good neighbors and friends for the beautiful flowers and their thoughtful kindness at the passing of our sister.
—Mr. and Mrs. Matt Mooney
EIGHTER from page 1
Monday and visited around a short while.
• The countryside is coming to life again, spring is on the way.
• We journeyed to Gainesville the other afternoon via highway 51 across Wise county north, and the green fields surprised us. Fat cattle browsed over the hills or lay in the sun. Water in the creeks. Mother Nature is taking on the new fashion for 1954, soon the whole of the county will have its new look for spring.
• Our trip to the north was to help transport the junior and elementary basketball teams, where they played Monday night, losing close games. Coach Young has a fine group of boys, regardless of whether they win.
• Notified Banker Earl Petty of Boyd in town Tuesday.
• And speaking of bankers, we have heard many compliments upon the cordiality and business of our new one, James Ferguson, at the First National Bank in Decatur.
• Patrolman Gaskew informed us Tuesday the city council approved the installation of a two-wave radio in the city patrol car, whereby calls issued through the sheriff's office may be received and answered by the city patrolman.
• Plenty of light in front of the post office now that the Burgess building across the street is occupied. Durbin Motor still retained the storage for cars in the back.
• The Lions annual ladies night at the gym Tuesday proved very entertaining, with a huge attendance.
• Noticed several businessmen eyeing coolers wondering, no doubt, if they had been frozen and/or were still in operating condition.
• John T. Dunn informed us the specials advertised last week brought results.
• Seems people still buy if they find what they want at a price they want to pay.
• It's the time of year again when audits are made of books, and financial statements ascertained. Which makes us think of the statements of city, county and school, which so far as we know have been published now, if any times. Does anyone know the financial standing of any of the agencies mentioned, except, of course, those directly interested? And all this in view of the fact there are state laws which require financial statements be printed at certain periods.

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DECATUR
Today and Friday
RAY MILLAND,
ARLENE DAHL, and
WENDELL CORLEY in
"JAMAICA RUN"
color by technicolor
Also MUSICAL & CARTOON
—Saturday—
GHOST TOWN AMBUSH!
color by technicolor
JOHN HODOLAK JOHN DEXY
DAVID BRIAN (with LENA HORNE)

SUNDAY—MONDAY
HEY, DEAN! Look who's muscling in on our Goofy Racket
Yeh, Jerry, old SKI-NOSE and the RUNT got no right to be so funny!
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Meet the Army's wackiest M.P.'s (Miserable Privates) in a comedy uproar about a luscious gal who was restricted dynamite!
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SLIDELL BOYS WIN IN EVENTS AT FAT STOCK SHOW
Slidell Future Farmers and 4H boys get good prices for animals entered in Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. Hubert and Dorman Long, both entered shorthorn calves, James and Butch Davis both entered Angus calves. Robert Mote, Rodney Mote and Kenneth Branch entered shropshire lambs in the fat lamb classes. Although Hubert placed highest with his 3rd place shorthorn steer all the animals placed well. The animals were all fitted and groomed well and showed an excellent finish. Last Friday the steers and lambs were sold with the steers bringing about 22¢ a pound above market price while lambs brought only 5¢ a pound above Fort Worth Market. The premium was considered pretty good by both parties.

Services Held For H. M. Daggett
Harrison Marsh Daggett, a son of E. B. and Elizabeth Daggett, natives of Independence, Mo., who were both born on a wagon train trip to Texas, seven years apart. Their families located in Shelby and Dallas counties. Then moved to Ft. Worth and to Hill County where Mr. Harrison Marsh Daggett was born, December 1st, 1876. Two years later the family moved back to Fort Worth, where he was reared and educated in Ft. Worth public school and old Polytechnic College and finished business course, in Eastman Business College in Pekepsie, New York. After finishing his education he came back to Fort Worth and was married to Miss Marietta Stanley also of Fort Worth, in 1897.
Soon after marriage they went to Honduras where they spent two years in the banana industry. One son, Stanley, was born while they were in Honduras and after coming back to Fort Worth, three sons were born to the union. One died in infancy. Mr. Daggett spent most of his life in the stock farming business in Wise county, and was a successful highly respected citizen and business man. He retired in 1928 and moved to Rockport, Texas.
Mrs. Daggett passed on in 1937 and Mr. Daggett maintained his home in Rockport until 1941 when he came to Fort Worth where he lived at time of his death. He departed this life in a Fort Worth

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Wednesday, January 27th, at five a.m.
He is survived by three sons, Stanley Daggett of 3820 Mercury street, Fort Worth and W. H. (Bill) Daggett of Decatur, and E. B. Daggett of Natavita, Colorado, three granddaughters and two great granddaughters, one brother, Merrell Daggett of Fort Worth.
Funeral services were held at Christian's Chapel Friday, January 29th at two p.m. by minister, Rev. Tommy Nelson, pastor of the Paradise Methodist Church.
Acting pall bearers were A. P. Pound, Witt Wood, Pete Ferguson, Floyd Ferguson, Floyd Gentry, and W. B. Bridges. Interment was in Paradise Cemetery.
Services Held Here For Mrs. R. M. Baker
Mrs. R. M. Baker was Miss Minnie Evelyn Fox, daughter of T. D. and Mary Fox, pioneer citizens of Denton County, and Miss Minnie, as she was known to her friends and relatives was born at Lloyd in Denton County, September 9th, 1875 when she attended school and grew up on a farm and lived most of her life.
She was married to Dick M. Baker also of Denton county, January 27th, 1907. Six children, two daughters and four sons were born to the union, 1 son and 1 daughter passed on in childhood.
Mr. and Mrs. Baker lived in Denton County until 1928 when they moved to Wise county, and located in the Allison community one year, then moved to the Blewett community where they lived until 1946 when they moved to the Greenwood Community where they lived at the time of Mrs. Baker's death. She obeyed the Gospel when she was twenty-three years of age and has been a faithful active Christian 51 years. She was an exemplary Christian with mother, neighbor and friend.
She departed this life in a Fort Worth Hospital Sunday, January 24th, at 1:55 p.m. following a fall and broken hip December 23, 1953.
She is survived by her husband, R. M. Baker of Greenwood, one daughter, Mrs. C. D. Leath of Fort Worth, three sons, Jack and Curtis Baker also of Fort Worth and Howard Baker of Slidell, six grandchildren, three sisters, Mrs. J. T. Elmore of Sulphur, Okla., Mrs. E. D. Whitlow, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Mrs. W. L. Spikes, Sr. of Kingston, Okla.
Funeral services were held in Christian's chapel, Tuesday, January 26th at two p.m.
Minister in charge of services was R. L. Roberts, of Decatur Church of Christ. Acting pall bearers were Bain Fortenberry, Alvin Sitz, Brownlee Rudd, Kyle Fletcher, John H. Kelly, and Chas. White.
Interment was in Slidell cemetery.
Misses Viola Flusche and Alice Both of Lindsey spent the week end here with Mr and Mrs. C. M. Flusche, who took the young ladies back to Lindsay Sunday and also visited friend in Muenster.
Bill Hill Jr., who has been employed in the Radio department at Convair in Fort Worth has been transferred to the Limestone Air Force base in Maine. The family left last Friday for their new home.
IT WILL PAY YOU TO READ THE ADS IN THE MESSENGER EACH WEEK!

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FOSTERIA CRYSTAL—Holly pattern, reg. value \$2.50 ea.	1.25	JOHNSON'S BEAUTY FLOOR liquid wax, 1 1/2 gal. size, reg. 1.75	1.39
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CHICKEN FEEDER, 24 in. 34 hole, reg. 69c	49c	O'CEDAR SPONGE MOP, reg. value 3.95	3.39
POULTRY WIRE, 4 ft., 150 ft. roll, 2 inch mesh, 20 gauge reg. 6.95	5.95	RED BILLY CHILD'S ROCKERS, sturdy construction, fibre seat, value 2.95	1.98
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Hay—Tom Muir, Sanger, Texas
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WANTED—To buy 5 room
house close in. Mrs. Aubrey
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FOUND—Black female cocker
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MAN OR WOMAN to distribute
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mers in Decatur. Full or part
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Gaines County land, 60 miles
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cultivation, in proven irrigation
belt, will trade for land in or
around Wise County. Write de-
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FOR SALE OR RENT—Type-
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FRYERS for your freezer or
locker. See Waymon Atkins on
Denton Highway 6 miles East
Decatur, between Thursday,
Feb. 11 and Monday, Feb. 15th.
1tp.

Messenger, Decatur, Texas, Thursday, Feb. 11, 1954 5

COMPLETES COURSE
Lt. E. L. Walker, Jr., recent-
ly completed the Engineer Of-
ficers Basic Course at Fort
Belvoir, Virginia. He has spent
the last week at home, while
enroute to attend the Army
Primary Flight Training Class
at Gary A.F.B., San Marcos,
Texas. Lt. Frank Y. Rosa, Jr.,
of Montgomery, Alabama, spent
Wednesday in Decatur, with E.
L., before they left for San
Marcos, Texas.

**Fairview Services For
L. A. Jackson**
Lawrence Allen (Buster)
Jackson a son and one of thir-
teen children of W. A. and Em-
aline Jackson was born in
Murphy, Collin County, Texas,
April 9th, 1909, where they
lived and Buster, as he was
known to his many friends and
relatives attended his first
school, 1920, when the family
move to the Fairview commu-
nity of Wise County where they
have lived since that time.
Buster finished his education
at Fairview school and was
reared on the farm. He had
been in poor health most of his
life and made his home with
his parents. His father passed
on in 1945 and he and his moth-
er continued to operate the
farm.

On account of his health he
was never able to be active in
church and community life,
and was known to his friends
and acquaintances as a very
conservative, quite and reserved
person, and an honorable good
citizen, friend and neighbor.

He was coming home from
Fort Worth, in his pickup,
when something happened to
his brakes causing the car to
go out of control and turn
over causing a fatal injury. He
was taken to a Fort Worth
hospital where he passed away
Tuesday night at 12:15.

He is survived by his mother,
Mrs. W. A. Jackson of Rhome,
5 brothers and seven sisters.
The brothers are Luther
Jackson of Clifton, Arizona,
Tommy of Decatur, Wesley and
Charles of Amarillo, and Loyd
of Dallas. The sisters are Mrs.
Bertha McCurdy of Morenci,
Arizona, Mrs. Blaine Reid a

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**FARM BUREAU
MEMBERS MEET
IN WICHITA**
Some seventy two Farm Bu-
reau leaders from twelve coun-
ties, met in Wichita Falls, Mon-
day, February 8, in a district
meeting.

Members attending from Wise
County were W. W. Brown, A.
B. Van Meter, V. M. Cleburn,
D. F. Eaton and Miss Eula Mae
Watts.

A review was made by Di-
rector Leys Barbour of vari-
ous Farm Bureau meetings
held recently. The State Board
meeting, an area meeting held
at Atlanta, Ga., which was at-
tended by all State Directors of
the various Southern States and
the Farm Bureau Federation
of Chicago.

During the past year every
effort has been made to develop
a farm and agriculture pro-
gram. The problem now is to
get these proposals enacted into
law.

So yesterday's program was
to review these various pro-
posed programs and Farm Bu-
reau past in securing passage
of these suggested laws and
carry out the suggested agri-
cultural program.

NOTICE
Wise County Prec. No. 4 will
receive bids and open on Feb-
ruary 8 at 10 a.m. for one
caterpillar No. 12 Motor Grader
or its equivalent.

Wise County will trade in
one No. 112 Motor Grader.

Wise County will reserve the
right to reject any bids.

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"AN EFFECTIVE
REMEDY FOR
OFFICE POLITICS"
KFJZ (1270 kc.) Sunday
7:15 a.m.
WFAA (570 kc.) Sunday
3:15 p.m.

To Relieve
Misery of
COLDS
take 666
LIQUID OR TABLETS—SAME FAST RELIEF

twin sister of Mrs. McCurdys,
Mrs. Florence Webb and Mrs.
Billie Jean Frazier of Amaril-
lo; Mrs. Louis Brown of Corpus
Christi, Texas. Mrs. Maye Gibbs
of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Verna
Ruth Smith of Boyd.

Funeral services were held
at the Fairview Baptist church
Friday, January 22nd, at two-
thirty p.m. by pastor, Rev. Nat
Phillips. Interment was in Fair-
view Cemetery with Paul Trox-
ell, Joe Thurmond, Truitt Wil-
son, Edward Crabtree, Jessie
Coker, L. J. Bridgewater, Char-
lie Stewart, and Alvin Banks
acting pall bearers.

W. V. Patton was down town
awhile Monday afternoon enjoy-
ing the sunshine and seeing
friends, after having been ill
in the hospital and convalescing
at home for several months.

Mr and Mrs. Bill Taylor from
Comanche, Okla., and Mr. and
Mrs. Ed Keith of Poolville were
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe
Rogers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Odom
and daughter Laneta and Jean
of Gainesville, Frank Robert-
son of Era, Mr. and Mrs. Elvie
Lewis of Denton were guests
of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garvey
Sunday.

J. T. Pollard, who was crit-
ically burned when his clothing
caught on fire at his home in
Alvord on January 27 is here
in the Rogers hospital. He is
the father of Rev. Aston Pol-
lard, who resides here and
serves the Methodist Circuit.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Lewis
attended the funeral of Mrs. J.
L. Garrett, mother of Mrs.
Lewis, at Lamesa today. Mrs.
Lewis had been in Lamesa for
several days at the bedside of
her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne
Gordon of Dallas were guests
of Mrs. J. H. Gordon Sunday.

Mrs. C. B. Washburn has re-
turned from a visit with Mr.
and Mrs. W. L. Measures at
Midland.

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COFFEE, 1 lb. can 97

Regular 39c
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FROZEN Farm Kitchen Pies
Cherry, Apple, Apricot
Your Choice **39**

PICKSWEET FROZEN FOODS
English Peas, Cut Corn, Broccoli Cuts and
Butter Beans
Your Choice **6 for 1.00**

Del Haven, Freestone, Yellow
PEACHES, No. 2 1/2 25

12 ounce
LUNCHEON MEAT, Rath's . 39

Swift Jewel
SHORTENING, 3 lb. can 79

New Zip-Open
CAN BISCUITS, Puffin 10

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CHEESE, 2 lb. box 75



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Picksweet Frozen 10 oz.
STRAWBERRIES ... 4 for 1.00

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Number 4
LETTUCE, crispy heads, ... 12

TOMATOES, carton 14

APPLES, Delicious C Grade . 15

ONIONS, Yellow 5

Coconut Cream Flavor
ROYAL INSTANT PUDDING
2 for 19c

AUCTION SALE
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12,
12:30 P. M.
3 miles southwest of Greenwood or 9 miles north
of Decatur on old Decatur and Greenwood road.

OWNER, JOE L. WHITEHEAD

25 MILKING COWS
GUERNSEYS, JERSEYS, HOLSTEINS
2 heavy springer cows — 2 baby calves
1 roan Durham bull
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J. M. KUYKENDALLS CELEBRATE 62nd ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kuykendall celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary at their home in Alford recently. He is 83 and she is 79.

Both are natives of Montague County where they married in 1892. Most of their lives has been spent on farms in Montague, Wise and Clay counties. They moved to Alford within the past few years.

Four of their children, J. F. Kuykendall, T. Kuykendall, Mrs. Earl Hodges, Alford, and Mrs. John Barclay, Forestburg, were present for the anniversary party.

READ THE ADS.



Meets every Tuesday night at Castle Hall North side of the Square Paul Singleton, Sec. Alfred Berg, Sec.

Cpl. Willis Boydston Serving With 45th Infantry in Korea

45TH DIV., KOREA—Cpl. Willis Boydston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie S. Boydston, Decatur, Tex., is serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea.

First National Guard division to see combat since World War II, the "Thunderbird" division was federalized in 1950 and reached Korea during December 1951.

Corporal Boydston, who arrived overseas last April, is a runner in the 179th Regiment's Company D. He wears the National Defense Service Medal and the UN and Korean Service Ribbons.

The 22-year-old soldier entered the Army in October 1952 and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

Mrs. J. H. Jones, Crowell, Mrs. Ray McAlister of Ellettsville and Mrs. Rose Spencer of Cleburne are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Collins.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

There's something about Iowa atmosphere and traditions that prompts its folks to stand up and be counted with no double talk.

Latest evidence of this fact is the action the W. A. Sheaffer Pen Company of Iowa, in hiring not one, but three leading detective agencies to learn how discount houses are getting their merchandise to sell below Fair Trade prices.



This story almost ranks with the man who bit the dog, because in 1953 discount houses sold approximately \$125,000 worth of Sheaffer products.

Yet the old, established Iowa company whose policies have built a dealership corps of 38,000, is willing to spend far more money to stop bootlegging of their products.

Here is the issue.

Most manufacturers, even when their brands are not Fair Traded establish fair retail prices. In some appliance lines franchises are revoked for selling below these prices.

The reason is simple. Regardless of quality controls exercised in any factory, there is bound to be defects in a certain percentage of the gross output. Manufacturers depend upon dealers to take care of any defective merchandise. Therefore, a retail price is set which returns the dealer a fair profit and reimburse him for the cost of any service he must extend.

But all over the nation discount houses keep springing up, selling standard brands at a discount. The buyers are given no

protection, no service, and often not even true representation of the model they are buying. In addition, discount houses often pitch their tent, disrupt the market, then steal away, leaving the public holding the bag.

When established dealers are hurt by this unfair competition, many manufacturers verbally deplore the situation and fall back on a defense like this: "We don't sell them, and we don't know how they get our merchandise. We'd like to stop them, so if you hear how they are getting it, you let us know and we'll try and do something."

Some manufacturers following this double talk practice have been accused of violating anti-trust laws, so no doubt they have been well tutored in the art of lip service by the government officials who should have proceeded against them.

But out in Iowa folks don't put much store in double talk.

So the W. A. Sheaffer Pen Company not only takes the stand that it wants to protect legitimate dealers and the public, it is going even further and spending substantial sums of money to investigate and obtain the evidence needed to stop unfair practices with their brand, even though it will mean a loss of volume to them.

Naturally, some of the "wise guys" who are engaged in carrying water on both shoulders will try to deprecate the Sheaffer action as a publicity build up to impress dealers.

But there are still many people who subscribe to the old tenet, "By their deeds shall ye know them." And the Sheaffer people have done far more than sympathetic tongue-clucking. They have adopted traditional American policy of taking action.

partments and classes as they were last year except rabbits and ornamental poultry would be eliminated this year due to lack of pen space. Two new divisions were added to the show. A Swine Division was set up with the restriction that each exhibitor must furnish his own facilities on the show grounds. Pens can be panels or sideboards adequate to pen the hog. A Girls Division, for all 4-H and FHA girls, with three departments was set up as follows:

Department I. Crafts: Three types of crafts may be exhibited including Leather Craft, Needle Craft, and Metal Craft. Department II. Foods: Baked foods, candy and cookies will be included in this department. Department III. Clothing: Dresses, skirts, blouses and other garments may be exhibited.

The organizational setup for conducting the Show is as follows:

General Superintendent — O. Ray Brown
Publicity Chairman — Paul Tapp
Division I. Dairy Cattle: F. C.

Gibbs, Mr. Connell, Superintendents.
Division II. Beef Cattle: Hal Dick, Jack Lewis, Superintendents.
Division III. Sheep: J. W. Price, Zeb Tindel, superintendents.
Division IV. Poultry: L. M. Fuqua, Morris Smith, Superintendents.

Division V. Junior Judging Contests: Department A. Dairy Judging: F. C. Gibbs, Mr. Connell, Supts.; Department B. Livestock Judging: Each Division Superintendent will be responsible for his particular

livestock group in this contest. Division VI. Swine: G. G. Scroggins, Grady Keath.

Division VII. Girls Home Making Exhibits:
Department A. Crafts: Mrs. John Winder, Miss Jeanette Phillips, Helen B. Buckner, Mrs. Sarah Taylor

Department B. Foods: Miss Lurine Ochsclager, Mrs. Sallie Patterson, Miss Sarah Riggs, Mrs. Guy Fortenberry.

Department C. Clothing: Miss Morrow, Mrs. Rebecca Malone, Mrs. Rosemary Webb, Miss Jessie Earl Condon.

Plans for having a rural

youth parade were discussed but details were not worked out. A committee will be set up to work on plans for this part of the Show later.

Prospects are very good for having an outstanding project show this year. Entries are expected to exceed 300.

County Extension Agents, FFA and FHA teachers have expressed their appreciation to the Decatur Chamber of Commerce for their help in making possible the opportunity for club boys and girls to exhibit their projects before the public.

Here's Why Your Home Stayed Warm During the last "Norther"

When the worst "Norther" since 1950 swept into this community Wednesday, January 20, you had no fear of being cold. You took for granted that you could turn up your heaters, floor furnaces or central heating system and you would be warm.

From afternoon to midnight, temperatures fell from balmy 70's to bone-chilling 20's. Due to the rapid growth of the cities we serve nearly 100 thousand more homes were depending on us than when the last "Norther" as big as this one hit. More gas than ever before would be needed.

Lone Star Natural Gas Service comes to this and 421 other communities in Texas and Oklahoma through a 7,000 mile interconnected pipeline system. Over 1,300 wells in 165 gas fields supply the system. Twenty-five key compressor plants move gas under high pressure from fields.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE "NORTHER"

Gathering and delivering this gas to your and over 600,000 other homes is controlled by a central dispatching staff. This staff knew from Weather Bureau reports almost the minute the "Norther" would strike your community.

In 40 control points along Lone Star's system, dispatcher alerted hundreds of specialists in compressor, pipeline, gas measurement and production departments. Specialists who operate distribution systems in cities and towns were alerted.

Every precaution was taken. Regular crews were doubled in compressor stations and in gas fields. Extra mobile equipment was brought in to speed movement of men in gas fields. Special two-way radio equipment was sent out to speed communications in the field.

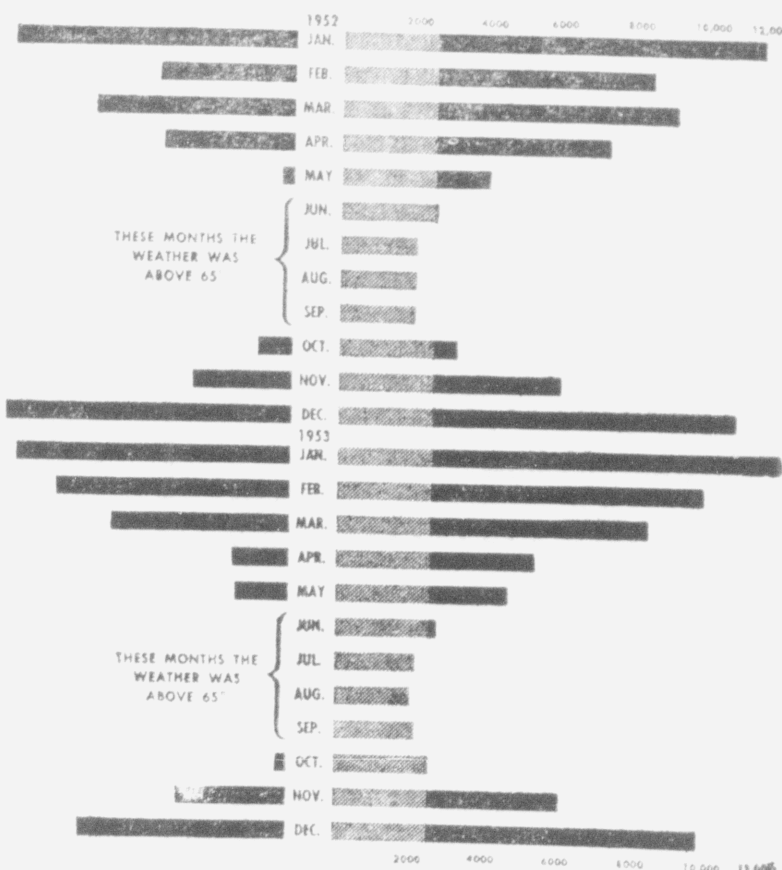
When temperature drops below 65 degrees everyone turns on their heating. For every degree the temperature falls past 65 degrees dispatchers know the amount of gas it will take to keep you warm.

CLOSE TIMING REQUIRED

On split-second timing as the temperature fell, gas from hundreds of wells was turned into field gathering systems. Gas stored in depleted fields was turned in, too. By night Lone Star Gas System was operating at near peak capacity.

Night and day for the duration of the cold wave the entire facilities of Lone Star Gas System were operating at or near peak capacity. During this "Norther" Lone Star Gas Company facilities served over 600,000 customers more efficiently than 10 years ago when we were serving about half this number. We are keeping abreast of the growth of the area we serve by providing in advance facilities that are necessary for dependable natural gas service.

HOW WINTER AFFECTS YOUR USE OF NATURAL GAS



THE BARS ON THE LEFT in the graph above show the variation in heating weather for the last two years as revealed by Weather Bureau Reports. The bars on the right show the amount of gas an average home used each month. Gas for cooking, water heating and refrigeration is indicated in gray. Gas for house heating is indicated in black.

Last December, for example, the bottom bars show that an average home used nearly 10,000 cubic feet of gas—7,500 cubic feet of it for heating. During extremely cold winter months, homes use up to six times as much gas as in summer.

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FFA BOYS WIN PRIZES AT FAT STOCK SHOW

who showed cattle in the dairy division at the Fort Worth Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth proved that they had good, well-cared for animals and that they knew how to show them. Jimmy Don Leath's heifer Inka Do Bell Helen placed second in the Holstein heifer class. Jimmy Don purchased the heifer that placed in the class before the classes were shown.

Arvil Newby's Jerseys placed as follows: Masterman Standard

Jubilee was the Junior Champion Bull of the Show and his aged cow Pennacle Fannie Roccette was the best added cow of the show. His other placings were: Second, aged cow Sparkling Fannie Poney, Third, 4-year old cow Brampton Maplewood Mabel; Second 3-year old cow Golden Primera Shy. Heifer Division: Second was Sparkling Sybil Liz; Faith, Masterman Harem Nora; Sixth, Masterman Sparkling Betty.

Wise County is proud of these FFA Youth and they are doing a splendid job with their dairy cattle.

READ THE ADS.

SS DECATUR—Miss Judy Fox, Decatur's entry in the Fat Stock Show grand entry and who was also produced as the Decatur Sweetheart prior to the afternoon show last Monday.

JANUARY WEATHER HAD BIG EFFECT ON CURRENT GAS BILLS

old weather which began December and including the zing rain and sleet storm January 21st, accounted for percent more heating was for Decatur residents during December and January this year than last year, according to C. Dunaway, local manager for Lone Star Gas Company.

Using his findings on Fort Worth Weather Bureau tabulations, Mr. Dunaway was asking a query from the news to explain the effect of year's cold weather on gas consumption as reflected in current gas bills.

While rates for gas service have increased, the cold weather has considerable effect on the gas bills for this period.

He explained that heating weather, of which there has been considerably more this year, exists whenever the average temperature falls below 65 degrees.

"According to weather statistics, every day during December and January has required heat for comfort because the daily average temperature has been 65 degrees or less," Dunaway said.

Weather Bureau people, explaining Dunaway, figure this heating weather in DDD's or what is called "degree days." They are computed by adding the number of degrees the average temperature each day falls below 65.

For example, if the maxi-

mum temperature for the day is 50 degrees and minimum, 20 degrees the mean or average is 35. When this is subtracted from 65 the number of DDD's for the day is shown as 30. This formula is based on the fact that normally whenever the mean or average temperature for the day falls below 65 some heating is required for comfort.

This heating requirement is increased proportionately, too, when humidity is greater and high winds accompany the cold. The January 21 sleet storm over most of area served by Lone Star brought both.

The records of the Ft. Worth Weather Bureau show that during December 1953 and January 1954 there were a total of 1,267 DDD's, while in December 1952 and January 1953 there were 967 DDD's, or an increase of 240 DDD's. This is an increase of 25 percent more heating weather, and would normally require a comparative increase in gas consumption, said the Lone Star local manager.

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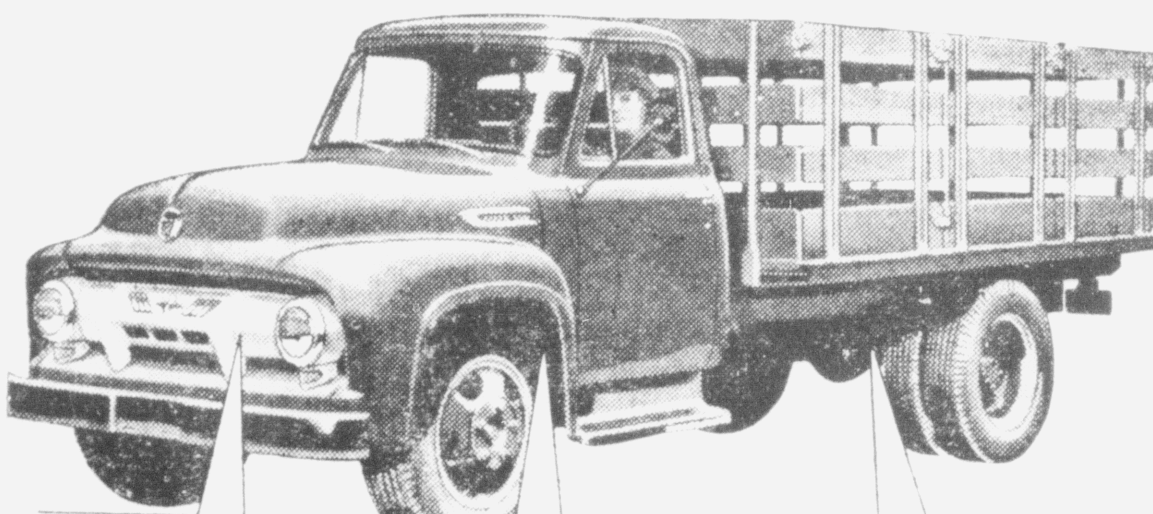
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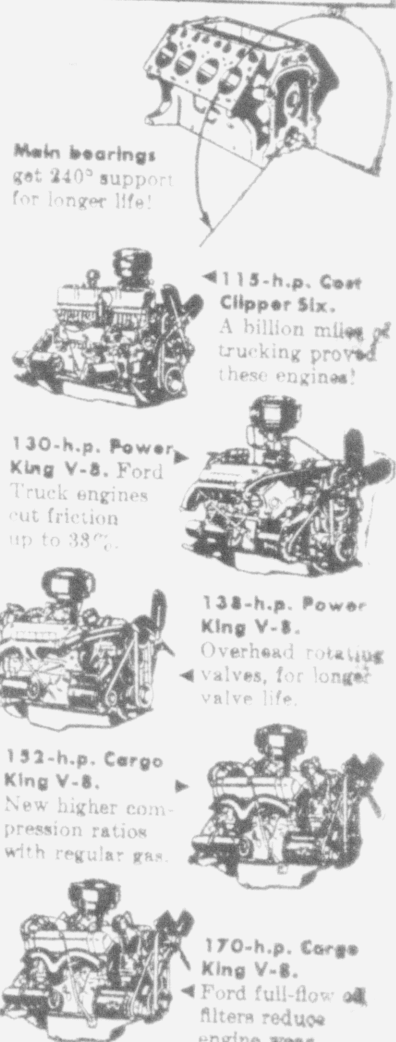


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MUSICIANS STUDY ROGERS—Bob Carter, Don

Key and Mike Elmore, Decatur High band, make close inspection of the bust of Will Rogers prior to opening of the Fat Stock Rodeo last Monday afternoon, Decatur Day. The band played before the show.

mer Splawn, Newton Maxwell, Robert Mote, Gilmer Williams, Guinn Fortenberry and Pete Gardner acting pall bearers.

READ THE CLASSIFIED ADS IN THE MESSENGER EVERY WEEK, IT WILL PAY!

SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. BENTLEY

MRS. BENTLEY obit . . . es . . . Mrs. Anna E. Bentley a daughter of S. S. and Minerva Turner pioneer settlers of Cooke county who came to Texas during the Indian days. was born in Cooke County, November 10th, 1879 and was reared on a farm near Gainesville. Her mother passed on when she was a teen-age girl. And she, being next to the oldest of 7 children took on the responsibility of caring for the younger children and never had the advantage of anything more than a public school education.

She was married to W. M. Bentley at Gainesville, Texas, December 15th, 1903 and they made their home in Cooke County the first four years of their married life, where the oldest daughter, Mrs. Truitt, was born, then moved to Stratford, Tex., where they lived 12 years and where the other three children were born and moved back to Wise County to the Splawn Community where they lived at the time of her death. Mrs. Bentley was converted and united with the Baptist church in Cooke County when she was a young girl and has been a true Christian character all her life. She was a faithful active member of the Splawn Baptist Church until the church was disbanded then moved her membership to Greenwood where it remained until her death. She departed this life at the home north east of Greenwood Thursday, Jan. 28th, at 2 a.m.

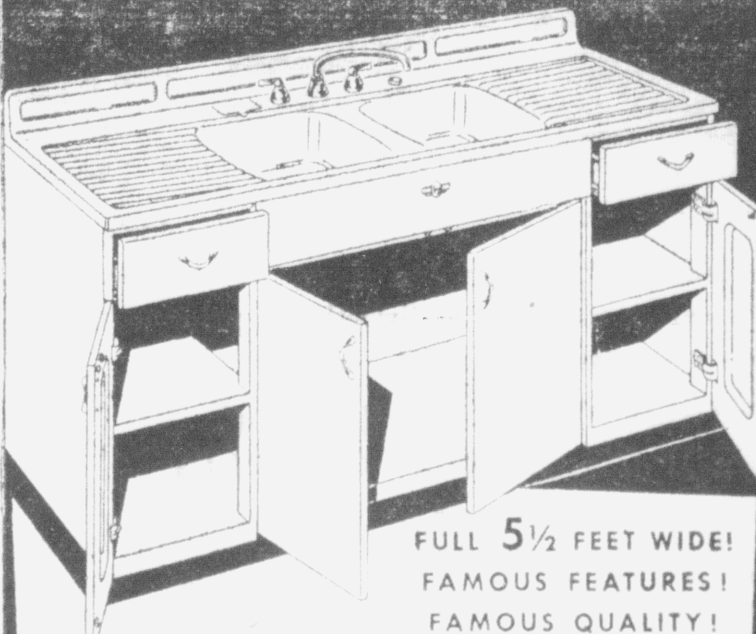
She is survived by her husband, W. M. Bentley of Greenwood, one son and three daughters, Rev. Ira Bentley, pastor of the Connell Baptist church in Fort Worth, Mrs. Bryant Truitt and Mrs. Romie Arnold of Greenwood and Mrs. J. T. Mills of Carrollton, Texas. 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild, one sister J. A. Braswell of Denison, Texas. Four brothers, George Turner and J. A. Turner of Arkansas, J. L. Turner and Clarence E. Turner of Amarillo, Texas.

Funeral services were held at the Greenwood Baptist Church Friday, January 29th at 3:30 p.m. by pastor Rev. Cecil McCullough.

Interment was in Greenwood

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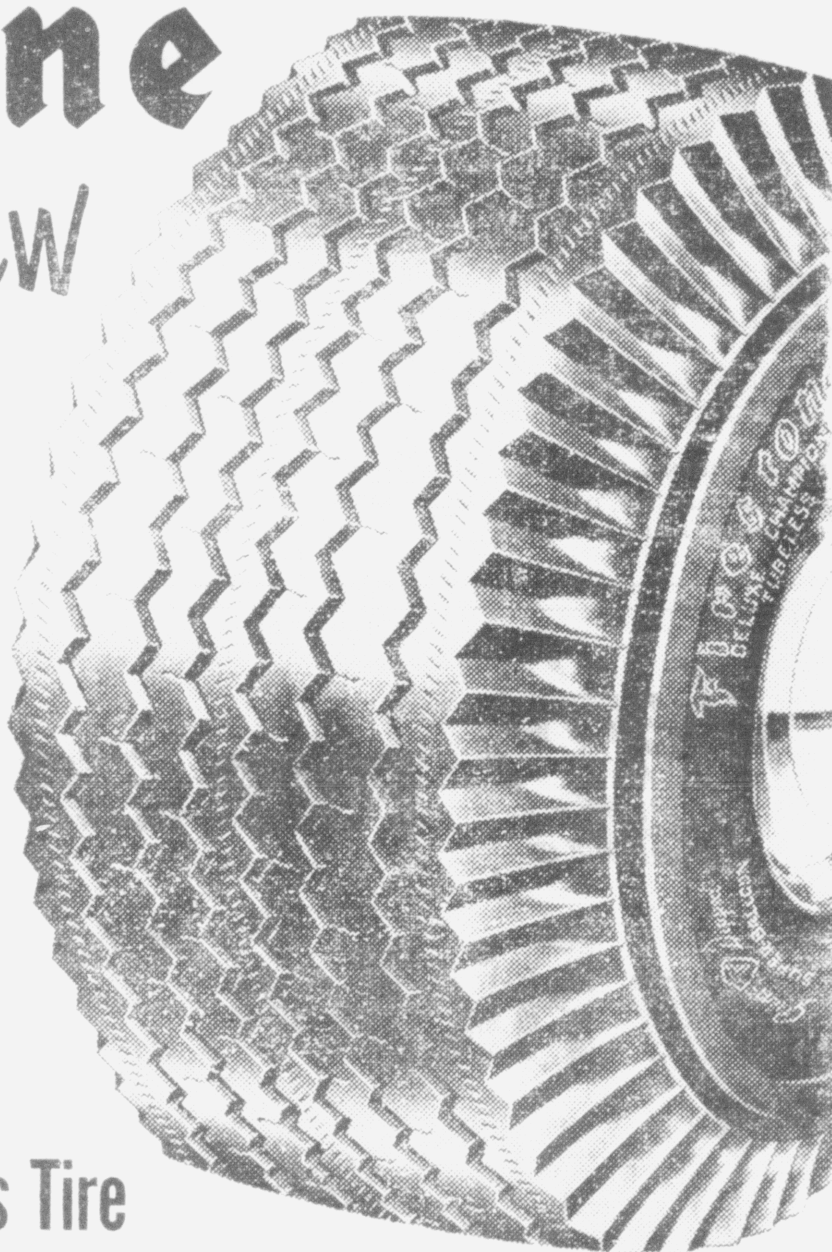
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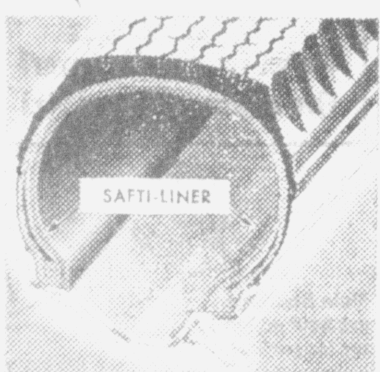
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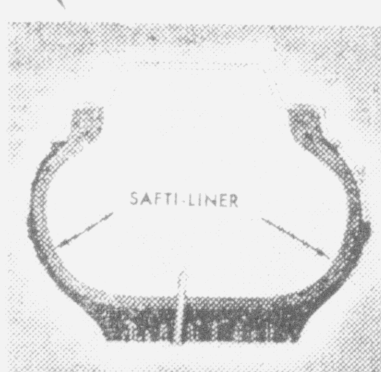
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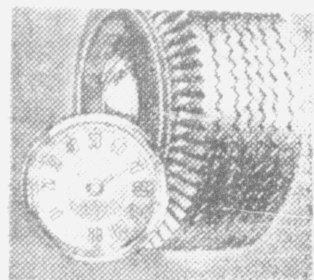
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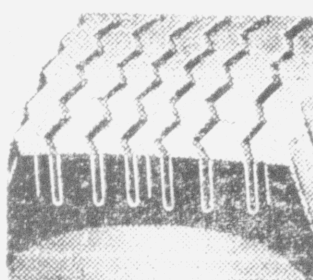
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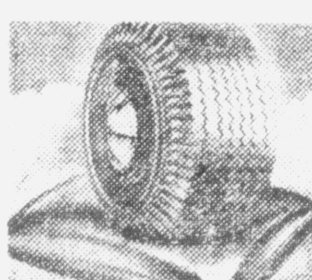
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MRS. KATE SHAW OF RHOME IN CHURCH WORK 46 YEARS

by Frances Edwards

RHOME, Jan. 30—There are three reasons why Mrs. Kate Shaw is one of the best known citizens in Rhome and Wise County.

One is that she has been postmaster at Rhome since 1940. Another is that she has been an ardent and active worker in Rhome's First Baptist Church for 46 years. And then there is Mrs. Shaw herself, whose energy and alertness belie her snow-white hair and three-score-plus years.

It was natural that Mrs. Shaw should become postmaster. She had served as clerk in the post office from 1913 until 1940. During that time she served under several postmasters, including her husband, the late C. E. Shaw, who was Rhome postmaster during President Wilson's administration.

Born in Rhome

Mrs. Shaw was born at Rhome, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Troxel, pioneers, who came to Texas from Ohio. Shaw's parents were members of another denomination, but, as a young woman, she turned to the Baptist Church because "to me it was the most sufficient faith."

Her record shows she did more than just turn to the church. She has been active from the outset.

For 40 years she has been a Sunday school teacher, for 35 teaching young people, and for the last 15 years instructing adults. For 35 years she has

served as sponsor of the Sunbeam band, a missionary group for youngsters from four to nine years of age who are taught leadership for future church work.

For many years Mrs. Shaw has served as historian for the Woman's Missionary Union.

Members Feel Otherwise

Mrs. Shaw doesn't feel her long years of service deserve particular mention but the members of her church feel otherwise. The Rhome church held a special service Jan. 19 honoring her on the 35th anniversary of sponsorship of the Sunbeams.

The official church bulletin was dedicated to Mrs. Shaw Jan. 24. Excerpts from the bulletin said:

"She has made untold contributions to the work of the Lord during these years. . . . She has been a blessing to many people through this service. . . . We congratulate you for all these many years of faithful work."

"I have found my work in the church both interesting and developing," Mrs. Shaw said.

'Youths No Different'

"Young people are fundamentally no different today than they have ever been. They are eager to learn and are responsive. Their environment is different now and that makes them seem changed."

"I am teaching a class of young mothers now from 25 to 45 years of age and they are just as interested in their homes



FAITHFUL SERVICE—Mrs. Z. B. Bobo, left 86, and Mrs. Kate Shaw examine old records of Rhome's First Baptist Church, organized in 1890. Mrs. Bobo is the only one of 27 charter

members of the church still living in Rhome.

Shaw, 3845 Carolyn Rd., Fort Worth advertising man.

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"People realize today the nation has lost something vital in being lax in their allegiance to Christian teachings. I believe the reason for the world's present turmoil is because people have not given recognition to the spiritual part of life. But now people are turning more and more to the church."

Appreciation Expressed

Rev. Dean E. Newberry Jr., pastor of the Rhome Church for the last 3½ years, expressed this appreciation for Mrs. Shaw:

"Mrs. Shaw has been one of the most faithful standbys of the church and can always be depended upon to get the job done. She is one of the most highly respected citizens of Rhome."

Before taking the postmastership Mrs. Shaw took part in P-TA, Red Cross and Thursday Study Club services.

She has one son, Arnold C.

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YOUTH HELD ON THEFT CHARGE

FBI agents arrested a 19-year-old Utah boy here last Wednesday on a federal warrant issued at Salt Lake City charging him with stealing an automobile in Colorado and abandoning it in Utah.

The arrest was announced at Dallas by J. K. Mumford, special agent in charge of the Dallas FBI office. He identified the youth as Ronald LeRoy Rose of Dragoon, Carbon County, Utah. The theft allegedly happened last September.

Rose was arrested on the campus of Decatur Baptist College, where he is a student. He still had a notebook in his hand when he appeared later in the afternoon for a preliminary hearing before U.S. Commissioner E. T. Duff in the of-

rice of Sheriff Weldon Bailey. He also held a Bible in his hand.

Commissioner Duff set bond at \$1,500 and Rose was lodged in Wichita County jail, pending arrival of a U. S. marshal, in whose custody he will be placed.

—Wichita Falls Record News.

TEACHERS MET AT DECATUR COLLEGE FEB. 4

The Wise County Teachers meeting was held at Decatur Baptist College Feb. 4, with Dean Tom Gettys presiding.

H. A. Haswell, Texas Baptist Education Commissioner was the speaker of the evening.

Charles Jones was master of ceremonies for a short musical program, five numbers, given by Decatur College students.

Mmes. F. R. Dodds, Dan Warren and W. C. Shults visited Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Benson Friday in Bowie.

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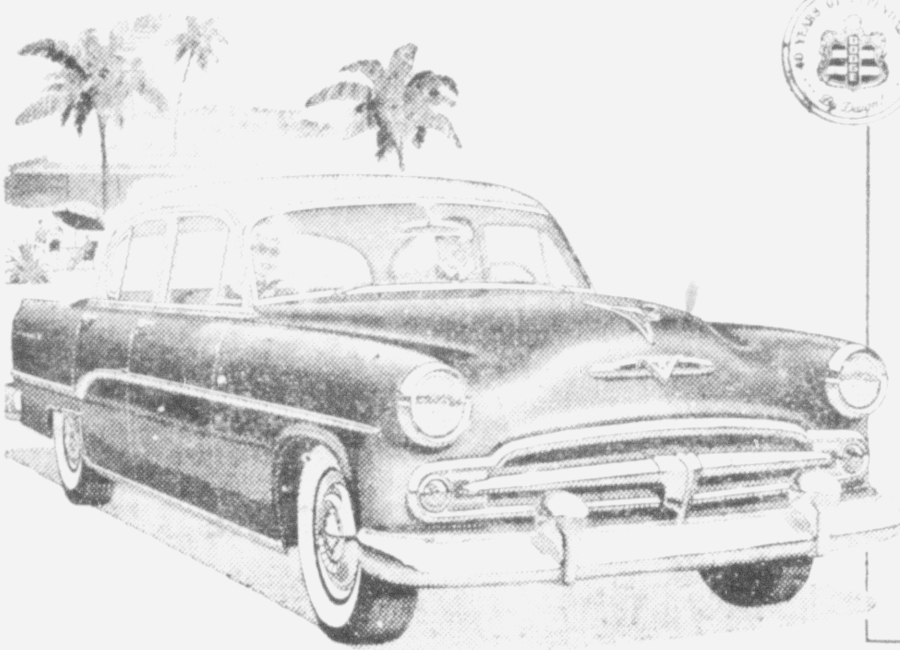
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MISS DIANE McMURRAY IS FINALIST IN "MISS SEWANEE" NATIONAL CONTEST

TESSIE ALUMNAE CHAPTER FORMED

T.S.C.W. alumnae members in Decatur met Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Earl W. Nunneley to organize an alumnae chapter for Wise County.

Among those students in this area are:

Miss Edna Arnette, Mrs. Worth Arnette, Mrs. Lee Burke, Mrs. Jackie Cummings, Mrs. W. O. Dittich, Mrs. T. O. Gill, Mrs. Hazel Martineau, Mrs. G. Cleo Rann, Mrs. Earl Nunneley, Mrs. F. R. Woodard.



MRS. BEN W. BOYD

Presiding at the meeting was Mrs. Ben W. Boyd of Denton and Fort Worth, president of the Alumnae Association. She brought news of the growth of Texas State College for Women and outlined some of its major advantages.

TSCW is one of four colleges in the United States offering a doctor's degree in Home Economics, and is the first school in the southwest to offer a degree in Occupational Therapy. It offers degrees in 79 fields, and continues to be one of the most outstanding colleges for women in the world.

The following officers will be installed for 1954:

President, Mrs. Earl W. Nunneley; Vice-President, Mrs. W. O. Dittich; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. F. R. Woodard.

Anyone who has attended TSCW is invited to contact Mrs. Nunneley and will be held Mrs. Nunneley and join the organization. The next meeting will be held in the spring when plans will be made to entertain senior girls.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Stanley from Canyon are visiting Mr. Mrs. T. L. Ball, Miss Stella Plaxco and Jessie Carswell.

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Morning Prayer and Sermon
11 a.m. Sunday
Communion Monthly

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION Episcopal

North Church and Hale St.

Miss Diane McMurray of Decatur, Texas, has been chosen as one of the finalists in the "Miss Sewanee" contest, it was announced at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., this week.

Photographs were entered by students at the University of South in the contest sponsored by the "Cap and Gown", yearbook. The entries were sent to Charles Addams, famous cartoonist, who selected the eleven finalists.

Selected as "Miss Phi Gamma Delta," Miss McMurray's picture will represent Gamma Sigma chapter of Phi Gamma Delta, national social fraternity, and was entered by Eugene Smith. As a result, her picture will appear in the yearbook as one of the finalists.

The identity of "Miss Sewanee" will be kept a secret until the publication of the yearbook sometime this spring. "Miss Sewanee" will have an entire page of the annual devoted to her picture.

Miss McMurray's picture recently appeared in the Sewanee Herald, a student newspaper, when she was "Girl of the Week."

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McMurray, of Decatur, Texas, Miss McMurray is a freshman at TCU in Fort Worth. The tall, blue-eyed blond was recipient of the "Most Beautiful" title her senior year in the Decatur High school. She is a drama major at TCU. She recently appeared in the Falls Players Homecoming musical, "A Show For Jenny," and has participated in a TCU Speakers' Bureau play, "The Proposal," presented several times in Fort Worth.

On February 19, Miss McMurray will open in the play, "Cap of Fury," which will run through the 25th, and will be presented at the TCU Little Theatre. The lead of "Cedilly" is played by Miss McMurray in the play.

Miss McMurray hopes to become a professional actress. In the state interscholastic League drama contest of 1952, she won best actress in the semi-district, district, and bi-district Decatur high school presentations of "Lost Victory." She won second place in the state all-star cast for her performance in the play.

During the summer of 1952, she appeared on WFAA-TV, in Dallas, in a play given in cooperation with the TCU drama department.

She is a member of the Falls Players and the TCU Choral Club. A mezzo-soprano, Diane takes voice lessons in the School of Fine Arts.

Mrs. B. J. Tandy and children, Kathy and Duncan, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Duncan here.

Messenger, Decatur, Texas, Thursday, Feb. 11, 1954 8 W.S.C.S. MET WITH MRS. J. M. SCOTT MONDAY EVENING

Mrs. H. N. Ferguson and Mrs. Tom Terrell entertained their circle of the W.S.C.S. Monday afternoon in the home of their mother, Mrs. J. M. Scott.

Mrs. F. M. Kenny, leader of the program gave some interesting facts regarding the writing of the Scriptures as a preface to the lesson, a synopsis of the Old Testament books. Mrs. A. B. Van Meter, Mrs. Ed Hornback, Mrs. E. L. Gantt and Mrs. Urry assisted in the presentation.

Mrs. Charlie Workman and Mrs. Opal Cates, who have been absent from the meetings over two years on account of illness, were very welcome contributors to the program.

Mrs. J. A. Ferguson, a new resident to Decatur, is a member of the circle.

The hostesses, assisted by Mrs. Olin VanMeter, served a delicious salad course to twenty members.

METHODIST W.M.S. MET MONDAY WITH MRS. THOMASON

The Renshaw Circle of the Methodist Women's Missionary Society met with Mrs. Fred Thomason Monday p.m., Feb. 8.

Mrs. Euk, Linn co-hostess. There was a good attendance and Mrs. George Black had charge of the program, same being on our Crusade Scholars. The scholars, here by scholarships, in 1953 studied in fifty fields of specialization in about 100 American colleges and universities, 20 hospitals and 30 educational institutions in other lands.

Since the beginning of the program in 1945 there have been about 800 Crusade Scholars.

This work is to be stressed during the week of Feb. 28 to March 7, "Dedication Week." —Reporter

PTA VALENTINE SILVER TEA ON FEBRUARY 16th

The Decatur Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor a Valentine Silver Tea to be held at the TP&L Building on Tuesday evening, Feb. 16th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Tom McMurray will review a current best seller. The public is cordially invited to attend.

GREENWOOD PLAY SATURDAY NIGHT FOR DIMES DRIVE

A play, "The Great No Where" will be given at the Greenwood school auditorium Saturday night at 7:30, Feb. 13, with proceeds for the March of Dimes. The public is invited.

The cast is as follows: Mary Winslow, invalid mother — Dorothy Riley Ann Winslow, the daughter — Clara Fred Maxwell Tommy Winslow, son — Hickey Freeman Don Stewart, Ann's sweetheart — Gilmer Williams Betty, Tommy's girl friend — Dotty Freeman Delice, the colored servant — Mable Crumby Tetina, a neighbor — Winnie Lee Clark Dillon, the villain — George Burchard

Poke, office boy — Ronnie Weber Morton, capitalist — Thurmon Still Glanker, capitalist — Lonnie McGraw Mrs. Noble, Dillon's ex-wife — Charlotte Ann Jones Madame Blanche, French photographer — Maxine McCullough The play is directed by Laura Warren and admission is 25c and 35c.

Mrs. Sallie Young, Miss Frances Young, Mrs. Charlie Plaxco and Mrs. Berch Young of Fort Worth were guests of Mrs. John Cartwright Sunday.

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WESLEYAN GUILD MET WITH MRS. CLIFFORD REED

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church met Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Clifford Reed.

Mrs. Cleo Rann gave the opening prayer.

Mrs. Joe Reeves was leader for a discussion on "The Methodist Church Helping Rural Negroes." The following talks were presented:

Mrs. Cleo Rann—Cooperative Rural Work

Mrs. Barbara McDonald—Mississippi Rural Center

Mrs. C. J. Williams—John's Island, Rural Center in North Carolina

Mrs. Beatrice Shepherd—Mobile Units

Mrs. George Coulter closed the lesson with a devotional of the 57th Psalm and prayer. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to twelve members.

BLANCHE GROVES CIRCLE MET WITH MRS. PEARSON

The Blanche Groves Circle of the Baptist W.M.S. met with Mrs. H. B. Pearson last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Elbert Brown presided during a brief business meeting. Mrs. R. L. Blankenship opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Fred Milligan was welcomed as a new member of the circle.

The mission study was discussed by Mrs. Floyd Clifton.

Delicious refreshments were served to Mrs. E. B. Brown, C. K. Wilkerson, Fred Milligan, Bob Hunt, Floyd Clifton, R. L. Blankenship, Grady Woodruff, Cody Milligan by the hostess.

CARD OF THANKS

During our recent loss we wish to express our appreciation for the love and thoughtfulness extended to us by neighbors, relatives, and friends. Their comforting expressions of sympathy will always be remembered.

—Mrs. Wade Downing C. L. Downing Wayne Downing Miss Lena Downing Mrs. Joy Kincaid

D.H.S. Girls Basketball Schedule

Feb. 11—Bowie • at Decatur
Feb. 18 Jackshoro • at Jackshoro
A games at 7:30 P.M.
B games at 8:15 P.M.

• Conference games

D.H.S. Eagle Basketball Schedule

Feb. 12—Nocona • here
Feb. 16—Graham • there

• Conference games

SCHEDULE FOR DECATUR COLLEGE

Jan. 28—Howard Payne
Feb. 11—Howard Payne
Feb. 16—Navarro
Feb. 18—Cisco
• Conference Game

SOCIAL SECURITY TO BE EXPLAINED AT SCHOOLS FEB. 19

Social Security, old age and survivors insurance directly affects almost every family in America, yet many persons are not informed as to their rights and obligations under this law. If everyone were familiar with these insurance provisions, families would make better plans for the future. Thus, the life of families, the community, and the nation would be strengthened.

On Friday, Feb. 19, at 1:45 p.m., at Decatur High School Auditorium, a representative from Social Security Administration will be on hand to show a short film—"Looking Ahead." This film is an interesting portrayal of retirement and family insurance at work.

After seeing the film, many questions will probably arise. Mr. John Rhodes, field representative from the Fort Worth office will be on hand to answer such questions. The public is invited to see this picture at the only showing in Decatur.

IN COUNTY COURT

A number of cases in county court last week resulted in two convictions. Judge J. A. Simmons informs us.

A DWI case received a 6 month probation sentence, on a guilty plea.

Two received 90 day jail sentences after pleading guilty to theft.

Mrs. G. D. Lightfoot is in Fort Worth at the bedside of her father E. L. Meisenheimer who suffered a heart attack last week, and is critically ill in a Fort Worth hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stark, Ethel Stark, and Mrs. Grover Cleveland Sr., attended the funeral of Neal Ard at Millsap, Texas Monday afternoon. Mr. Ard was a brother of Mrs. Stark.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

R. L. Roberts, Minister
Sunday Services:
Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Service 8:00 p.m.
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JUSTIN PASTOR TO SPEAK AT BAPTIST CHURCH



REV. W. E. BROOME

Rev. W. E. Broome, pastor of the Justin Baptist Church, Justin, Texas, will preach at both the morning and evening services of the First Baptist Church, Decatur, Sunday, Feb. 14. Bro. Broome is a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, and will take the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth in May.

APPRECIATION DAYS END

Next Wednesday will be the final Appreciation Day in Decatur, the sponsoring merchants voting Wednesday to discontinue the event after the next week.

NEW BUSINESSES

Henry Laird has rented the Burress building across from the post office and will move his electrical shop and displays into the new location.

Tommy Reed is opening a cabinet and mill work shop in the building vacated by Hills Furniture on west Main.

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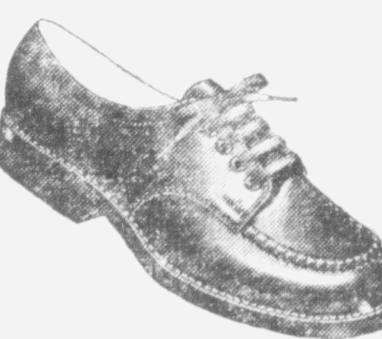


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Then, you ask, why do we not all understand it alike? It is because there are so many theories in religion and we are taught to show us the theory is correct. If people would study it to learn what it says and not to prove their doctrines, they could not help but understand it alike. It says the same thing to every one. YOU CANNOT MISUNDERSTAND IT WITHOUT SOME HELP.

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